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It is hereby notified that a MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held at the MAGISTRACY, at 2.15 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 14th July, 1908, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor Licence Ordinance, 1893 (Ordinance No. 8 of 1893), viz:-
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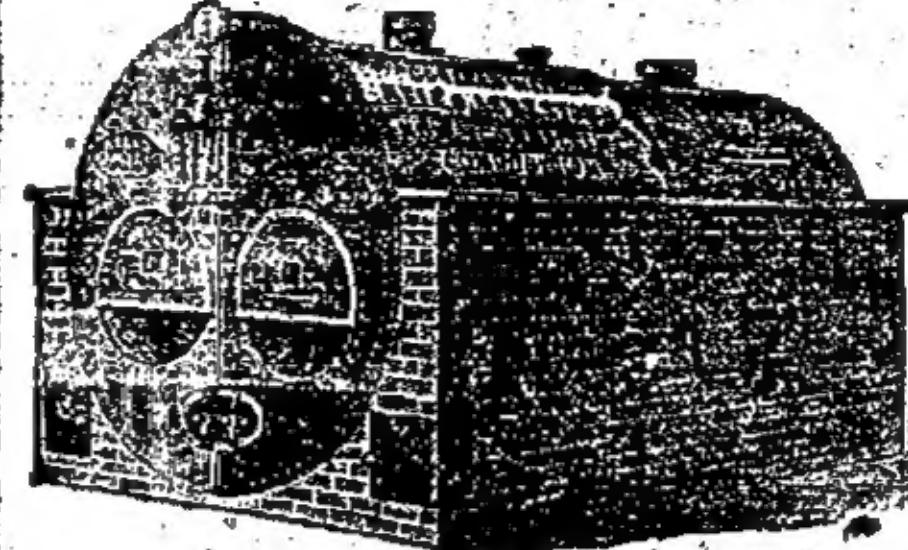
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Hongkong, December 23, 1907.

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BIRTHS.

REYNOLDS.—On June 27, at Tientsin,
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CLEAR.—On June 4, at Soerow, the
wife of A. C. CLEAR, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ALDRIDGE-FRANK.—On Saturday, July
4, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, before
Sir Pelham L. Watson, B.C.M.G., Consul-
General, and afterwards at Holy Trinity
Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. R. G.
Winning, B.A., THOMAS HENRY FRANK,
elder son of Thomas Henry Aldridge, of
Kensington, London, to Dorothy CLEAR,
third daughter of H. Lucy Fragg, of
Stratford Hill, London.

DEATH.

MACBRYEN.—On June 9, in London, John
James Macbryen, late Managing Director of
Howarth Erskine, Ltd. Shanghai.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—Shooting of H.K.
Volunteer Reserve Association "Special
Pool."

MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

Auction.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at "The Homestead," No. 45,
Fane.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Thames* unloaded after
this date at noon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.

Goods per *Thames* unloaded after
this date subject to rent.

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noon on this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, July 14—
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

WEDNESDAY, July 15—
Goods per *Mormon* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, July 16—
Auction of Household Property,
at Mr. Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Rooms.

FRIDAY, July 17—
Goods per *Frederick* unloaded after
this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, July 18—
9.15 p.m.—Concert on the Volunteer
Parade Ground.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1908.

THE RISING GENERATION.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL BADEN-POWELL is
engaging himself upon a work which
should enlist the sympathy of Britons
the world over. Readers may be aware
that the gallant General recently pub-
lished a work entitled "Scouting for
Boys." It is only five months since
General Baden-Powell first promulgated
his scheme for the establishment of
"Boy Scouts," yet we learn that not
only has the idea been adopted with
enthusiasm at home but that it has
taken firm hold in South Africa, Aus-
tralia, New Zealand and Canada. "Catch
your boy at the right age, interest him,
and you can make a good citizen of
him," says, in effect, the General. Pos-
sibly there is no work of public impor-
tance that could better engage the atten-
tion of publicists who wish to see the
Empire retain the position it has won.
The boys of to-day are the citizens of
to-morrow, and upon their training
largely depends our future. We are

constrained to quote portions of the
General's words in an article in
which he advocates his scheme for
making a valuable asset of the young

life which, under present conditions, is
allowed to run wild. He says: "The
downfall of the Roman Empire ought to
be one warning out of many history
gives us. All these downfalls which
have in the end come to every great em-
pire, such as the Babylonian, the
Egyptian, the Greek, Spanish, and
Dutch, may be traced to one general
cause, viz., bad citizenship. Each
nation, after climbing by its own effort
and energy to the zenith of power,
seemed then to sit down, to rest, and to
relapse into a state of indolence, stud-
iously blind to the fact that other nations
were gradually pushing up to destroy
it. I am not so pessimistic myself as to
think with some people that we are
already so far on the downward grade
as to be in a hopeless condition. On
the contrary, I think that we are only
near the parting of the ways, where it
becomes incumbent upon every one of
us citizens of the British Empire who
has the slightest spark of patriotism in
him to earnestly help, in however small
a way, to turn the rising generation on
the right road for good citizenship.
The boy of to-day is the citizen of to-
morrow. He must be taught points that
do not as yet come within the scope of
his education at school, and which are
none the less important to him as a
citizen—such points, I mean, as to re-
gard his duties in the first place and his
so-called rights or his pleasure in the
second. We are apt to reverse this
order in the present day, and many a
young man thinks he has rights al-
though he has done nothing to earn
them, or that he should content his own
experience and pleasure first, and see
what he can do for his country after-
wards. We want to inculcate more
practical usefulness into our man-
hood, and less insularity. And we want
to teach them to be manly, to play the
game, whatever it may be, and not
merely to look on and be loafers. The
aim was to be a scout, not a soldier,
but most big results are only got by
combination of small efforts. A coral
island is the work of myriads of sea
insects: the Pyramids of Egypt were the
result of the labour of thousands of
workers. It was this thought which
emboldened me to put forward the
scheme of "Scouting for Boys" as one
possible method to be turned in the
right direction for the ultimate pros-
perity of the Empire and peace."
With these ideals it is impossible not to
feel sympathy, and we trust that the
General's scheme will be adopted in
every part of our Empire. There is
everything to be gained and nothing to
be lost in turning the youths who might
otherwise swell the ranks of hoodlums
into decent, self-respecting citizens.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A concert arranged by Miss Ross is
to be given at the Seamen's Institute,
Kowloon, on Monday evening.

The revised rules governing the Im-
portation of Arms and Ammunition are
published in the "Government Gazette."

A Peking telegram says that American
Minister Rockhill's visit to Tibet is to
introduce missionaries to the Dalai Lama.

A floating mine was observed on June
13 by the Kags, Maru between Sonjin and
Tientsin, Korea. The mine was later
exploded by the garrison at Tientsin.

Viceroy Hsi Shih-chang reports the
construction of new telegraph and tele-
phone lines in the provinces of Feng-
t'ien and K'ien, and the repairing of those
already in existence.

A Tientsin contemporary learns that
Messrs. Arnold Karberg and Co., have
secured the contract to supply the Palace
and the Wai Wu Pu offices with electric
light plant. The order is a very large one.

The German military attaché says a
telegram of July 2, during a thunder-storm
got into a whirlwind and fell down. Hap-
pily it was caught by some trees and was
scarcely damaged at all. No loss of life
has occurred.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co., who
are agents for White Horse Cellar Whisky
have received to-day the following cable-
gram from Messrs. Mackie and Co., Glas-
gow: "Received Royal Warrant dis-
tillers White Horse to King."

Reports are to hand, says a Kobe
contemporary, from several localities in
Kansu, Chugoku, and Tokaido, stating
that great floods set in a day or two ago
owing to the recent heavy rain. It is
feared that some damage has been done to
the rice crop.

An Ottawa message says that Mr. Horita
Shoji, Manager of the Iwami Branch of
the Hokkaido Bank, who disappeared some
days ago after embarking ¥16,000 belong-
ing to the Bank, was found dead in a wood
on the 27th, says the "Kobe Herald" of
June 30. He had apparently committed
suicide on the previous day.

Harry Griffiths, an engineer on the
S.S. Devonian, was fined \$3 and ordered to
pay \$1 compensation at the Magistracy
this morning for being drunk and disorderly
while in Des Voeux Road Central, and
with refusing to pay the legal fare for a
cickshew, and with doing damage to the
same, to the extent of 50 cents.

It is rumoured, says a Chinese con-
temporary, that a Yunnan frontier war
who was shot on the Yunnan frontier was
a former of laborers. M. Bapst,
the French Minister in Peking, called at
the Wai Wu Pu to demand an indemnity
in this case a few days ago but the matter
has been postponed pending the arrival
of further particulars from Yunnan.

The Kobe Chamber of Commerce has
received a communication from the
Machinery Users' Association, of the
Poultry, London, stating that, on request,
the Association will be pleased to make
arrangements to find suitable sites and
buildings for Japanese manufacturers who
desire to establish factories in the United
Kingdom with a view to securing rights
under the new British Patent Law.

A wash-out occurred on the Italian
Railway at Shun-de-fa a few days ago, says
the "Peking and Tientsin Times" of June
27. The delay was not serious. From
other parts of the country we hear that a
considerable rainfall has taken place.
The second crop should be up to the
average, as the drought does not appear
likely to return. The present crops are
meagre but not destroyed, as in some
districts of Chihli, and while the severity
will be felt famine is not likely.

The "Japan Times" states that the
oldest battleship in the Japanese navy, the
Yusei (3,777 tons), which was placed on the
reserve list and has since been kept at the
Yokohama Naval Station, is to be used as
a target vessel for gunnery. Arrangements
for the purpose are now in progress on
board the ship. The practice will probably
take place off Himehima Bay but the date
is not yet decided, though it is likely that
it will be at the time of the gunnery prac-
tice of the First Squadron for this year or
the Autumn Grand Manoeuvres.

Yesterday afternoon the Brazilian
cruiser, Benjamin Constant arrived in the
Harbour, with a party of naval cadets on
board, who are undergoing training for
service as officers in the navy of Brazil.
The cruiser is under the command of
Captain de Freg, and left Rio de Janeiro
on January 22, on a voyage round the
world, the training of these cadets being
the primary object of the tour. Cadets
were under at Monte Video, Punta Arenas,
Callao, Honolulu, Yokohama, Nagasaki,
Suebo, and Shanghai. This morning Mr.
J. J. Leiria, Consul for Brazil, paid a visit
to the cruiser. It is expected that the
voyage will come to an end in December,
after having lasted one year.

WELL NAMED.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Colic, Cholera and
Diarrhoea Remedy is just what it
needs. For pain in the stomach,
cramp, colic, or diarrhoea, it has no equal.
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LETTERS ON LIFE.

No. XII.

LOVE AND WOMEN.

HONGKONG, July, 1908.

DEAR MRS.—I am often quite
bewildered at the protestations of
the women of to-day. Does she
know exactly what she means when
using the word Love? She loves
moonlight picnics, show pups, racing
ponies, Tom, Dick, and Harry, and
often her husband or her fiancé as
well. Perhaps the heart of the modern
woman has grown larger by degrees
and beautifully more, so that it re-
quires all these things to fill it, or
do you think she is merely content
with a general empire and is too lazy
to specialise?

Whatever the reason one thing is
certain, and that is that the "one life
one love" idea does not prevail to any
great extent out here. On the contrary
the more lovers the merrier is the
motto of many. Others—the discreet
ones, say that in a number of admirers
safety lies.

Women have endless ways of loving.
As to falling in love, some, as Mary
Jane says, "As it had, while others is
only sort of knocked sick for the time."

The love of this very young girl is
usually unreal, and idealistic. She is
apt to imagine all men great, good and
wonderful, especially so the man who
first offers her marriage. He is an
idol to be worshipped. If at this age
she marries, the veil must sooner or
later be drawn from her eyes, revealing
the fact that the idol has feet of clay.
What will happen then? Either she
will fall into that state of existence
known as settling down to married life,
or she will have to settle up with the
Fates according to her temperament,
her surroundings and opportunities. If
her lot be cast in some remote country
parsonage in England, she will prob-
ably settle down with her husband
à la mode de vivre, or because a surplus
and cassock are known to most effi-
ciently hide the feet of clay. If she
comes out to Hongkong she will also
settle down—but without her husband.

Some women want love to be a
matter of all take and no give; they
keep a man always expectant, he
is always in the "dick" position.

This sort of love is apt to lie a little
cold on the system. Men's patience is
not great; no woman should strain it
to breaking point.

Other women in love lean hard.
Those like to be entirely dependent on
their man, even to the tying of their
shoelaces. What a mistake! Inde-
pendence inspires respect. Nature
never meant man to be a beast of
burden; he does not really enjoy car-
rying umbrellas and parcels, or drag-
ging another bicycle in addition to his
own up a steep hill. Is this not true
my friend? The woman who invites
trouble is the one who tries to bind
her man to her side with cords marked
"Mine only" in large letters; she does
not realise that the best way to retain
the love of a man is to let him think
himself free to depart.

Few people feel pity for—almost all
condemn—women who love and are
loved by men they cannot marry. Yet
it is the saddest thing that can happen,
even in a world where there is much
sadness.

What makes it so is that whether the
woman be weak, or strong to resist, she
is always the greater sufferer. She pays
such a terrible price for the hours she
spent in Paradise.

We people here in Hongkong have
occasionally known a woman to leave
her home and her husband, dreaming
that the world will be well lost for the
man she loves. Does she not always
say *ahem*—find that she has sold her
birthright for the very best of
potage? How quickly her Paradise
changes to the Inferno. At first earth
is heaven, but soon the man having
acquired the thing he wants, ceases to
be the ideal lover. She craves more and
more love and sympathy—he becomes
filled with a longing to return to work
and the world from which he has been
shut out. Unlike a woman a man can
not live on love alone—he grows tired
—unsatisfied perhaps, and then comes
the tragedy. The woman is left behind
the pale alone left to realise two things,
first, that the man's love which she
thought to be a tower of strength, and
for which she sacrificed everything, is
nothing—a myth—and secondly she is
made to realise the pitiless cruelty of
her own sex towards those who have
sinned and been found out.

And yet such a woman is more
lonely in her love and life than those
others we know of and meet everyday
who have sacrificed nothing, who have

THE MURDER IN TONKIN.

The Comptes d'Indochine has a paragraph
regarding the assassination at Trai-Mai in
which they state that it is reported that
the murder was instigated by another
prospector working in the vicinity, named
M. Delbecq. This is rather a serious
statement and we suppose is being investi-
gated by the French authorities. The paper
adds that Messrs. Feauly and Rutland
were on good terms with the villagers and
were exceedingly generous with them. This
deceases away with the theory that the villagers
had a grudge against the Australians.

THE INDO-CHINA SITUATION.

The situation in Indo-China is being
warily discussed by the French papers in
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had a grudge against the Australians.

THE COLONY'S SCHOOLS.

The report of the Inspector of Schools
appears in the "Government Gazette."
During the year 1907-1908, 1908, were collected,
an increase of \$400,000 over last year. The
expenditure on education amounts to
\$184,028, or 3.49 per cent of the total
expenditure of the Colony.

The number of Government and Grant
Schools in 1907 was 79 as compared with
86 in 1906. Four inefficient vernacular
schools were closed. There is an
upward trend in the numbers under in-
struction in the Colony. At the Govern-
ment and Grant English Schools the atten-
dance has risen from 3,330 to 3,869, and at
the Vernacular schools from 21,135 in 1906
to 23,555. The private English schools show
an increase of 500, and the private vernac-
ular schools an increase of 441.

Viceroy Hsi Liang has wired to the
Peking Government that the revolution-
aries are now quieted down and are not
able to rise again and the border of Annam
is properly guarded and the troops are
ordered not to cause trouble.

All of the Chinese medical students
who have recently returned from Europe
and America and have passed the necessary
examinations have been appointed to the
capital by the Dowager Empress. It is
expected that they will receive appoint-
ments as Imperial physicians.

It is reported that great difficulties are
being experienced by the Japanese
authorities in arranging for the expeditions
transportation from Dairen to Japan of the
rolling stock discarded by the South Man-
churian Railway, owing to the lack of
Japanese steamers suitable for the con-
veyance of engines, passenger cars, etc.
Under the circumstances it is believed
foreign steamers will be chartered for the
purpose.

It is stated in a Tokyo message that
the Directors of the Tokyo Electric Tram-
way Company are very much irritated at
the reported decision of the Government
not to sanction the municipalisation of the
lines. It is said that those shareholders
who opposed the municipalisation are mak-
ing arrangements with a view to a funda-
mental reorganisation of the Company and
desire to force the directors to resign.
Their view is that the present unworkable
system should be abolished in order to
increase the revenue, and that the con-
struction of the proposed new lines should
be hastened.

MEN or Senses can appreciate a good
thing. That's why so many of them
take Sarsaparilla. What if Cod Liver Oil when
over they feel the need of a good tonic and
blood purifier. Tastes good, does good.

COURT AND LABOURITES

STRAINED RELATIONS.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters, via Zanzibar.)

LONDON, July 10.

Owing to the name of Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., being omitted from the list of those invited to the garden party at Windsor Castle, held on June 21, the Labour Party has formally asked the Lord Chamberlain to remove the whole party from the invitation list for Court functions until Mr. Keir Hardie's name is restored as amongst those entitled to attend public functions given by His Majesty the King.

(REUTERS SERVICE.)

THE BRITISH NAVY.

LONDON, July 9.

The "Daily News" states that Admiral Lord Charles Bessborough has addressed to the Admiralty a strongly worded memorandum, in which he declares that with an inadequate fleet under his command he is unable to guarantee the security of the United Kingdom from foreign attack.

MOROCCO.

LONDON, July 9.

The Budget Committee of the French Chamber states that the expenditure in Morocco threatens to entail a deficit of ninety-six millions of francs.

PERSIA.

LONDON, July 9.

Sir Edward Grey, in the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Lonsdale, said that an apology for the disrespect shown to the British Legation at Tehran had been demanded of the Persian government, and he understood it would be forthcoming, but until satisfactorily made, the incident cannot be regarded as closed. St. Petersburg wires that telegrams received from Tabriz report the situation in the town as worse owing to the severity of the heat. The bazaars are closed, and crowds are thronging the mosques, agitating against the government.

IMPORTANT OMISSION BY MAGISTRATE.

At the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, before Mr. J. R. Ward, the case in which two Chinese clerks in the employ of a Chinese Bank at 110 Queen's Road Central, were charged with altering a note for \$100, was again called on. Evidence had been taken at the previous hearing, and his worship had then omitted to question one of the defendants who had given evidence. Mr. F. P. Hall, of Messrs. Druce and Pett, appeared for the prosecution and Mr. S. Dixon, of the office of Mr. R. A. Harding, defended.

His Worship asked Mr. Dixon—What do you think is the proper course to pursue now?

Mr. Dixon—First of all I take the attitude that the defendants ought to be discharged at once. The Ordinance provides that a magistrate should caution a defendant before the defendant gives evidence, and after the prosecution have finished their case. In view of my not having done so, I think the man ought to be discharged.

Mr. Hett—Supposing the prisoners were not defended, and supposing your Worship had not informed them that they could give evidence, it is clearly stated that that is not a good ground for a discharge. To discharge the defendants on such a ground would be an extremely dangerous proceeding.

His Worship—I do not hold with Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Dixon—I hope your Worship will make a note that I applied for the discharge of the defendants on the ground that you did not caution them. I have the opinion of Counsel which states that there are two courses open. One is that the defendants should affirm the evidence previously given, and the other is to decline to say anything and let the evidence for the prosecution alone go before the Attorney-General.

Mr. Hett suggested that they should proceed now as if no evidence had been taken for the defence. After they were cautioned the evidence of the defendants could be read over to them, and if Mr. Dixon desired to ask any further questions he could do so. His Worship decided that the defendants should be at once cautioned that all the witnesses for the defence should be sworn and asked to repeat their evidence; and that the defence might call fresh evidence, if they desired.

The case was further adjourned.

A SHEEP SHEARER'S TRIALS.

I have followed the shearing season through New Zealand and all over Australia. Says Mr. R. L. McBean of Dunedin, N.Z., "and changes of water and temperature bring an attack of diarrhoea. The only relief I can obtain is from Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Every shed now has some shears who use this wonderful medicine and always carry a bottle with them. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers."

THE FLOOD.

COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED.

(From a Correspondent.)

A definite step has been taken by some of the foreign residents of Canton, and especially by the Missionaries, in order to ascertain what is the extent of the damage done in the country districts by the recent floods. What shades of opinion are actually represented upon the Committee that have taken this work in hand, I do not happen to know; I do know, however, that such a Committee has been formed, and that they have already undertaken the task. A carefully arranged schedule in English and Chinese has been prepared, and the actual state of the villages, and their inhabitants will be easily known when the facts have been studied and tabulated. It is supposed that, when all the data have been ascertained, that these responsible for the enterprise shall formulate a brief, but comprehensive statement, and then probably there will be a definite appeal to the world, to render some assistance to those who have been flung into such sad circumstances. The central Committee have been enabled to send forth their representatives to the three districts, which have been most severely hit. One body has gone up the North River; the second has turned its attention to the West River, whilst a third will study the condition of affairs in the East River. It will be seen that the entire Province will thus be covered by those who are anxious to ascertain the exact facts, and though some little time may elapse before the real state of the people and their homes can be known, this will be compensated for by the real knowledge that will be in possession of those who may feel inclined to assist the distressed.

I understand that the Viceroys has rendered assistance to the party that has gone up the North River. He has placed a launch at their disposal, and this in turn will be a good boat, so that the inconveniences attending such an examination during the very hot days in July may be reduced to a minimum.

It is generally known, though the newspaper reports are less frequent than they were, that terrible damage was done and much distress has followed; when the Commissioners have finished their work, the public will then know, as exactly as is possible under the circumstances, what has happened, and what the Chinese are doing to meet the necessities of those who are shown upon the world, without shelter and almost without food.

I believe that it is the intention of the Committee to issue and appeal not to the residents in the East river, but to the world of the West, in the belief and hope that there will be some substantial response to such an appeal.

I have myself listened to some vivid descriptions of what has happened, and to the enthusiasm that have befallen the people. Some Chinese were telling me of the experiences of the inhabitants of one of the larger inland towns on the North River. As the water rose to an unprecedented height, those who had not thought such a course would be necessary, began to remove the stores and stock in their shops up into what may be called the tops of their respective shops. Still the water rose and then holes were made in the roofs, and the poor people took out upon the roofs what they could of their possessions, especially their own personal belongings. Then as the water continued to rise boats were brought into requisition in order to save the lives of the inhabitants who had thus retreated before the rising waters. So it came to pass that the boats were small, and could not carry anything more than the people themselves, the unfortunate inhabitants had to relinquish their personal belongings, that they had saved up to this stage with so much difficulty, and which they regarded with so much affection, and so they fell into the roaring waters and were washed away down the river, to be found by others who would be on the lookout for such booty. I heard one may say that he was put into possession of one very sad illustration of the fatal result of clinging to property at the risk of life, which, as we know, the Chinese, as well as other people, are apt to do. A man, well-to-do, was seen upon his roof trying to steady two large pigskin trunks, and writing to be taken off. When the boat came it was too small to take in both the man and his trunks. He was appealed to by the boatman to leave the boxes to their fate and step into the boat whilst there was yet time. He was unwilling to yield, and ultimately decided to remain upon the roof of his house in the hope that the waters would subside, even only a little, whereupon he would be able to creep into the inside with his treasures. Hence he let the boat depart, though there were warnings from the boatman that the danger was exceedingly great. So indeed it was found to be. The boat had not gone far, when the house on which he was stranded fell into the waters with a crash, and of course he and his boxes were flung also into the roaring floods. He was not seen again. Probably the boxes, after all, fell into the hands of some fishbones; the man lost his life.

When it is remembered that scenes and experiences, such as these, were not solitary examples, but were probably somewhat numerous, it will be seen that terrible sorrows must have overwhelmed both the living, and before they lost their lives, the dead also. It is to be hoped that those who have undertaken to ascertain the exact facts will be able to prosecute their quest with energy, and with success, for, in an occasion such as this, there is the utmost need for swift and immediate action.

Meanwhile, it would appear that all along the Pearl River, south of the city of Canton, from the city onwards to the Bogue Fats, little harm has been done to the crops. At any rate the fields are very green, though one thing is somewhat puzzling, which is that whilst there is a plot of rice here and there, which is ripe, most of the plain is covered with the greenest of paddy, which appears not yet to be out in flower. Yet at this time of the year the first crop should be ripe throughout. Is this because of the cold dry month of April, and the first part of May?

Flood Fund Bazaar.

All yesterday afternoon and evening, the bazaar, which was opened by His Excellency, Sir Frederick Lugard, earlier in the afternoon, was thronged with members of the Chinese community, and there were many Europeans. To a representative of the "China Mail," several of the Chinese lady stall-holders, many of whom could speak English fluently, expressed their great pleasure in this new method, to them, of raising funds, and to which they have so readily adapted themselves. The bazaar was open until 2 a.m. and the business was brisk.

The immense matchless which accommodates some seventy stalls, is 400 feet in length by 80 feet wide, and is near the Shikongtani Market. On either side of the main tower is a lesser one, and the front of the building presents an attractive appearance. On entering the bazaar a no less pleasing sight meets the eye. To the left is the spacious theatre on the outer wall of which, just at the entrance of the bazaar hangs a splendid picture by A. Fong of the particular rivers which were the scene of the floods.

The stalls which run the whole length of the matchless were laden with a choice assortment of fancy articles, not many of which were, typically Chinese, the floral work, baskets and pictures being about the principal things which belong to the Celestial Empire. Silver ware, provisions and almost every conceivable article for household use, were to be seen on the stalls, and should they be disposed of before the bazaar closes, there is no doubt they will be quickly replaced by the generosity of both the Chinese and European Communities.

There is also a refreshment room where local summer drinks can be obtained. The committee beg to acknowledge with thanks the following further contributions. Messrs. J. and W. Crawford, 90 quarts Blackberry Brandy, 60 pints Blackberry Brandy, 48 quarts Sanger Brandy, 36 bottles White Horse Cellar whisky, 81 Jars Peanut Butter.

Mrs. Seth, Scores for refreshment stall. Messrs. J. C. L. and Co., Assortment of Toys. Mr. C. L. Fong, \$25.00. Hongkong Electric Co., installing lights and fans free of charge.

Mr. C. Penberton, Cheque for \$25. Messrs. Weldon House, Ltd., Ribbon for badges. Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, Cheque for \$20. Mrs. F. Blum, 180 yds. Silk Lace, 47 pcs. Grass cloth, 16 pcs. Embroideries.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A COMPLAINT.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Sir—A few days ago a notice was issued by the Captain Superintendent of Police to the effect that if dogs are seen at large at night they are liable to be shot without license or otherwise.

This information was so brief and sudden that it quite surprised a large number of dog owners. May I ask you to be good enough to allow a little space in your valuable paper to ask a few pertinent questions?

In the first place I would like to know why owners are not entitled to a longer and personal notice in the event of their dogs being licensed, and for what reason, if any, their dogs should be destroyed. If for the noise they make then the Police are equally guilty, if not more so, as the yelping of a dog is far preferable to the discharge of firearms and has not such a far reaching effect.

In my opinion this practice is most reprehensible and inhuman, to say nothing of dangerous. It would be interesting to learn what compensation has been agreed upon by the Police in the event of a lawless wayfarer receiving a charge of swan shot in his own body. My idea would be somewhere in the vicinity of \$50 per pellet.

In conclusion I would ask where, oh! where, has the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals gone to. Are they all up in the Typhoon anchorage? Thanking you in anticipation. Yours, etc., H.

SPORTING.

Home Cricket.

FIXTURES FOR MONDAY.
Lord's, Middlesex v. Surrey.
Leeds, Yorkshire v. Nottingham.
Worcester, Worcestershire v. Gloucestershire.
Southampton, Hampshire v. Gentlemen of England.
Brighton, Sussex v. Somerset.
Leicester, Leicestershire v. Essex.
Birmingham, Warwickshire v. Northamptonshire.
Tunbridge Wells, Kent v. Lancashire (Tunbridge Wells week).

TRY THIS FOR CHRONIC DIARRHOEA.

MANY sufferers from chronic diarrhoea have obtained prompt relief by the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Some of the worst cases of this disease have been permanently cured by it after other treatment and skilled physicians had failed. Try it, and you will be able to boast with the rest. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, June 13.

The Rev. Gordon Blake has died in Edinburgh, after an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Blake was born at Moreton House, Fettes College, in 1875. His parents afterwards removed to London, where he attended Dulwich College. He gained a classical scholarship at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and obtained a first-class honours in the classical tripos of 1898. He studied theology at Westminster College, Cambridge, and went out to China in 1901 as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church of England. He was there appointed to the large and important town of Chaochow, where, besides superintending the native congregations, he did much to interest the cultivated classes of China in Christianity. He was the son of Mr. James Blake of the Scottish Education Department, and grandson of the late Professor Gordon Blake of the New College. Four years ago, Mr. Blake married Dr. Tina Alexander, of the English Presbyterian Women's Missionary Association. About a year ago, he came home on furlough, and during that time resided chiefly in Edinburgh.

Mr. W. Galloway Duncan, a young Dundonian, has been appointed by the Secretary of State for India to the important post of head of the Government Engineering School at Dacca, Eastern Bengal. While serving an apprenticeship in a foundry, Mr. Duncan busied his spare moments with the scientific aspects of his work; he was a foremost student at the Technical Institute; he attended a three years course at St. Andrews, and afterwards he was a student at the Royal College of Science, London. He has done good work in this country as a teacher, and is thoroughly well equipped for his new post.

Sergeant Osmundson, of the Queen's Edinburgh, the Royal Scots, carried off the Caledonian Challenge Shield at the Edinburgh Rifle meeting. It is the champion prize for Scottish marksmen, and he has created a record by winning it for the fourth time. Captain Rankin, 8th Royal Scots, is the victor at the annual prize meeting of the National Rifle Club of Scotland, a club which busies itself with "fancy rifle" shooting.

The adjutant of the Royal Garrison Artillery at Kinross has written that the Town Council of that burgh should purchase a few of the old guns which are now for sale. The supply of the Council is that Kinross has had enough of the guns without spending good money to set them up as ornaments.

Messrs. James Bartram and Son (Limited), engineers, Edinburgh, have just secured an important contract from the Imperial Government of Japan for their paper mills at Oji. The order consists of 100,000 102-inch four-roller paper-making machines, capable of producing about 80 tons of paper per week, and two detached web calendars for glazing the paper from the making machine. Messrs. Bartram were the only British offerors for this machinery, although estimates were taken from German and American engineers. This firm has also secured the order for a complete paper-making plant for the Chinese Paper Mills, Shanghai. This latter contract includes the main steam engines, boilers, gearing, and all the preliminary plant in connection with the manufacture of the paper.

Among the books of the week is a recently-printed volume, "Wandering Days in India and Kashmir," by William George Black. Mr. Black visited India about eighteen months ago, and afterwards went to Burma, Singapore and Johore, China and Japan. There is also published a history of "Smuggling in the Solway and around the Galloway Seaboard," by Mr. J. Maxwell Wood. This smuggling district fills a large niche in Scottish romance, witness Scott's "Guy Mannering" and "Redgauntlet," and Crockett's "Rangers," and it was here that Paul Jones, the famous privateer, was born. A number of the late Professor Masson's papers have been published by his daughter, the best of them referring to his reminiscences of Carlyle, Samuel Rogers, and Daniel O'Connell. At Francis Stewart, advocate, has written "The Exiled Four," dealing especially of the stay of the exiled family at Holyrood Palace.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—On the 11th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen slightly in S.W. Japan, and fallen considerably in E. Japan. A further slight fall has taken place also over S. China and the Philippines.

Pressure is highest to the N.E. Japan in the North, and over the S.W. part of the China Sea in the South. It is still somewhat low over N. China and the Sea of Japan.

Moderate S.W. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the Northern shores of the China Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.0 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.
1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: S. W. winds, moderate; fine.
2.—Formosa Channel, same as No. 1.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau: Same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.



\$5000 REWARD

THE above REWARD will be paid to any Person or Persons giving such information as will lead to the discovery—dead or alive—of HUGH MOLLARTE, of Sydney, Australia, who disappeared from Hongkong on 15th November, 1906. Description: 5 ft. 11 ins. high; Slight build; Fair hair and moustache; slight paralysis one side of the face. When last seen, on 15th November, 1906, stated he was going to Canton that evening. Address any information to 'CHINA MAIL' OFFICE, Hongkong, May 9, 1908. 713

THE RAINFALL.

The following table gives the monthly rainfall at the Observatory to the end of June with the means and extremes for 25 years:—

RAINFALL AT HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.	1903	1894-1906.	Mean.	Max.	Min.
January.....	2.64	1.46	8.43	0.00	
February.....	2.83	1.75	7.93	0.02	
March.....	7.26	2.86	11.49	0.17	
April.....	11.10	5.88	14.89	1.27	
May.....	1.33	12.59	48.84	1.15	
June.....	15.24	16.38	34.37	2.34	

The year's rainfall to the end of the month amounts to 33.05 inches, the 25 years mean for the same period being 40.62 inches.

Though the month's rainfall was slightly below the average the persistence of showery weather was very noticeable there being only four days on which no rain was registered. The heaviest days fall amounted to 3.05 inches.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Troubles In The Democratic Camp.

WASHINGTON, July 3.

Certain eulogistic references to the late Grover Cleveland on the part of Mr. A. B. Parker are regarded as a disparagement of Mr. W. J. Bryan, and have created a sensation in the Democratic ranks. It is probable that Mr. Hitchcock (E. A. Hitchcock, formerly Secretary of the Interior) will be Chairman of the Campaign Committee.

FALL OF JAPANESE CABINET.

Probable Successors.

Tokyo, July 4.

Marquis Saionji was received in audience by the Emperor this morning, and presented the joint resignations of the Cabinet. He subsequently left Tokyo for the country.

The downfall of the Cabinet is believed to be due chiefly to the remonstrances and investigations of certain of the Elder Statesmen on the subject of financial and diplomatic questions. Marquis Saionji's disloyalty, in view of the Ministerial victory at the General Election to accept outside assistance in forming the Government's policy further aggravated the situation. But his resignation was of a purely voluntary character.

The Throne is now consulting with the Elder Statesmen. Marquis Katsura, the former Premier, is the most likely person to succeed Marquis Saionji, so far as he is judged until the arrival in Tokyo of the Resident-General Prince Ito. His return has already been arranged and is shortly expected.

The apprehension of a new increase in militarist tendencies is not warranted, inasmuch as the policy of peaceful retrenchment will be maintained.

Count Kuma, now ambassador in London, is popularly mentioned as the next Foreign Minister, with Count Hayashi as his probable successor in London.

COMMERCIAL.

SEASIDE REPORT.

In their weekly share report, dated 3rd July, Messrs Vernon and Smyth state:—Our market has continued to rule extremely dull throughout the past week, and very little business indeed has been transacted. Rates, however, have undergone but little alteration, and close steady on the whole. Bar silver is quoted to-day at 24 1/2d, a fall on one-eighth on the week, and Exchange on London at 109 1/2 T. T. Shanghai T. T. is unchanged at 74 1/2d. Sams., Hongkong and Shanghai have again been booked at \$750, and more shares are to be had, though at lower rates no shares appear available for sale. London is slightly reported sale at \$74 1/2. London is slightly firmer again, the quotation now being 27 1/2. Nationals are unchanged with buyers at \$1.

Marine Insurance.—The only sale to report in this section is of Yangtze at \$124. Canteons have declined to \$225 sellers, and it is probable that supplies could be had at \$220. Other stocks under this head are unchanged.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong have sold and more shares are procurable, at \$315. Chinese continue in request at \$32.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been booked at \$20, and in a small way at \$20, closing steady at the former rate. In other stocks there is no business to report, and quotations are without change. Star Ferries, old, continue in request at \$25, and Shell Transports at \$45.

Refiners.—China Sugars are quiet at \$130. Tanons can still be obtained at \$22.

Mining.—Charcoalnages have advanced to \$380. Kaiba have sellers at \$7.

Docts. Wharves and Godown.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been sold at \$102 and 103, and close steady at the higher rate. Kowloon Wharves continue on offer at \$50 and New Army Docks at \$60. Shanghai Docks have declined to \$78 ex the final dividend of \$1.25 per share paid in Shanghai on the 7th, and Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are on offer in the North at \$15.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have been booked at \$97 closing with further buyers at the rate. There are also buyers of Kowloon Lands at \$20, and of Shanghai Lands at \$120. W. P. P. Points continue on offer at \$45, and Hongkong Hotels at \$200. Humphreys Estates have been done, and more shares are procurable at \$10.

Cotton Mills.—Quotations are practically unchanged, and there is no business to report.

Miscellaneous.—Campbell Moores have been done at the reduced rate of \$10. Sales are also reported of Cements at \$108, and Ropes at \$25. There are buyers of China Providents at \$91. Delta Farms at \$104. Electric at \$16. Ice at the improved rate of \$230. Union Water Boats at \$104, and United Asbestos at \$15 and \$20 for the ordinary and foundry shares respectively. China Lights are procurable at \$85. Watsons at \$84, and Steam Laundries at \$6.

THE YARN MARKET.
Messrs. Phipps & B. Polk and Co. report under date of July 10: Our last circular was dated the 20th June. At time of last writing and for a whole week previously, there were gloomy anticipations of a depressed yarn market, but events have since dispelled misgivings and we have to record a steady market throughout for the past fortnight.

The earlier days of the period under review saw some importers exhibiting anxiety resulting in hasty sales at last month's quotations. The steadiness of the clearances, amounting for no less than 8,000 bales, promptly steadied the nerves of importers whose former attitude, coupled with regularly in demand, gradually established an advance in price of from \$1 to \$2 per bale, at which several settlements were effected. Paucity of stock in dealers' hands maintains inquiry for the more desirable spinnings, which close steady at quotations.

The booked districts about the North and West Rivers are receiving daily reliefs from Canton and Hongkong. The measures organized by the charitable societies in both these centres are on a scale commensurate with the extent of the calamity. If the present relief work is maintained there is little doubt that the paucity of the two Kwang provinces will soon be rehabilitated in their sources and the inhabitants within the affected districts once again restored in their productive and consumptive powers.

No. 20s.—Business was done in selected threads at an advance of \$4 to \$1 on last month's sales. No. 16s.—A few selected threads changed hands at last month's prices.

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Arrivals.—Per steamer Gregory Apsar (from Calcutta), and Wakarusa Maru, Capri, and Marmora (from Bombay) of about 7,500 bales.

Uncollected Stock.—About 22,000 bales. Uncollected Stock.—About 12,000 bales.

FLOODS IN CENTRAL CHINA.
The Yangtze is rising considerably; the dyke of Anking (capital of Anhui) is in danger of being flooded and several streets on the eastern bank of the Yangtze have collapsed into the river. About fifty houses have been swept away at Ch'ingho, and the dyke of Ch'inghsaw is flooded. Hainan, Ichien, Luohu and Chienchiang (in Huangshu prefecture, Hupeh) are also flooded and the damage done is considerable.

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